

MINUTES

MONTANA HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES 65th LEGISLATURE - REGULAR SESSION

COMMITTEE ON FEDERAL RELATIONS, ENERGY, AND TELECOMMUNICATIONS

Call to Order: Chair Daniel Zolnikov, on January 4, 2017 at 3:00 PM, in Room 472
Capitol

ROLL CALL

Members Present:

Rep. Daniel Zolnikov, Chair (R)
Rep. Denise Hayman, Vice Chair (D)
Rep. Derek Skees, Vice Chair (R)
Rep. Laurie Bishop (D)
Rep. Geraldine Custer (R)
Rep. Nate McConnell (D)
Rep. Shane A. Morigeau (D)
Rep. Zac Perry (D)
Rep. Alan Redfield (R)
Rep. Adam Rosendale (R)
Rep. Sharon Stewart-Peregoy (D)

Members Excused: Rep. Austin Knudsen (R), Rep. Adam Hertz (R), Rep. James O'Hara (R),
Rep. Andrea Olsen (D) and Rep. Casey Knudsen (R)

Members Absent:None

Staff Present: Sydney Kessel, Committee Secretary
Sonja Nowakowski, Legislative Branch

Audio Committees: These minutes are in outline form only. They provide a list of participants and a record of official action taken by the committee. The link to the audio recording of the meeting is available on the Legislative Branch website.

Committee Business Summary: Organizational Meeting

Introductions:

00:01:41 Chair Zolnikov
00:02:18 Sonja Nowakowski, Legislative Services Division (LSD)
00:02:42 Sydney Kessel, Committee Secretary
00:03:04 Chair Zolnikov
00:03:14 Committee Members

Staff Functions:

00:05:46 Chair Zolnikov
00:06:10 Sonja Nowakowski, LSD

EXHIBIT(feh03a01)

00:07:00 Rep. C Knudsen joined the meeting
00:08:09 Chair Zolnikov
00:08:28 Sydney Kessel, Committee Secretary
00:09:06 Chair Zolnikov

Draft Rules for Procedure:

00:09:36 Sonja Nowakowski, LSD

EXHIBIT(feh03a02)

00:10:10 Vice Chair Hayman
00:10:33 Chair Zolnikov
00:10:40 Vice Chair Hayman
00:10:59 Chair Zolnikov
00:11:14 Sonja Nowakowski, LSD
00:11:48 Chair Zolnikov

00:12:15 **Motion/Vote:** Rep. Skees moved that **COMMITTEE RULES BE ADOPTED.**
Motion carried unanimously by voice vote.

00:12:34 Chair Zolnikov
00:13:36 Rep. Olsen joined the meeting
00:13:39 Rep. O'Hara joined the meeting
00:13:42 Chair Zolnikov

Introductions of Agencies:

00:16:53 Travis Kavulla, Public Services Commission (PSC)
00:26:00 Chair Zolnikov
00:26:56 Jennifer Anders, North West Power and Conservation Council (NWPCC)

EXHIBIT(feh03a03)

00:31:42 Chair Zolnikov
00:32:50 Paul Schulz, Consumer Council
00:34:28 Chair Zolnikov
00:34:39 Laura Andersen, Energy Bureau, Department of Environmental Quality (DEQ)

Introduction of Lobbyists:

00:39:44 David Hoffman, North Western Energy (NWE)
00:41:54 Doug Hardy, Montana Electric Co. Association

00:43:50 Alan Olsen, Petroleum Association
00:46:04 Chris Cavazos, Self
00:46:32 Jeff Fox, Renewable North West
00:48:00 Andrew Valainis, Montana Renewable Energy Association (MREA)

EXHIBIT(feh03a04)

00:48:52 Gary Forrester, Montana and Dakota Utilities (MDU)
00:50:13 Brian Fadie, Montana Environmental Information Center (MEIC)
00:50:29 Tom Ebzery, Attorney
00:52:08 Melissa Lewis, Charter Communications
00:53:19 Jeff Feiss, Montana Telecommunications Associations (MTA)
00:54:20 Adam Haight, Northern Plains Resource Council (NPRC)
00:54:40 Neil Mealullman
00:55:13 Chair Zolnikov
00:55:35 Rep. C. Knudsen
00:56:00 Rep. Olsen
00:56:33 Rep. O'Hara
00:56:43 Chair Zolnikov

Overview of Interim Work:

00:59:51 Sonja Nowakowski, LSD

EXHIBIT(feh03a05)

01:06:57 Chair Zolnikov
01:08:22 Rep. Redfield
01:09:02 Chair Zolnikov
01:09:13 Sonja Nowakowski, LSD
01:09:48 Chair Zolnikov
01:10:04 Rep. Skees
01:10:38 Sonja Nowakowski, LSD
01:11:26 Chair Zolnikov
01:11:46 Rep. Hayman
01:11:58 Chair Zolnikov

ADJOURNMENT

Adjournment: 01:12:08

Sydney Kessel, Secretary

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Additional Documents:

EXHIBIT([feh03aad.pdf](#))